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**GOV. EASLEY WAIVES RESTRICTIONS FOR VEHICLES HAULING HURRICANE RELIEF
SUPPLIES ON INTERSTATES EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA**

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today issued an executive order waiving certain size and weight restrictions for vehicles transporting equipment and supplies along North Carolina's interstate highways en route to bring relief to areas in Florida suffering hurricane damage.

"The Governor of Florida has proclaimed a state of emergency and disaster because of Hurricane Charley and is asking neighboring states for this waiver to help bring quicker relief," Easley said. "We want to do all we can to help our fellow citizens in Florida who have suffered so much loss."

Executive Order No. 64 states that the N.C. Department of Transportation and N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety will waive the vehicle restrictions for 26 days. Travel is limited to the state's interstate highways.

The waiver does not apply to the following:

- Vehicles that exceed the maximum gross weight criteria established by the manufacturer or 95,000 pounds gross weight, whichever is less;
- When the tandem axle weight exceeds 42,000 pounds and the single axle weight exceeds 22,000 pounds; and
- When a vehicle/vehicle combination exceeds 12 feet in width and a total overall vehicle combination length of 75 feet from bumper to bumper.

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